

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL – NOV 2003**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. Leonard Bertin called the Meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Present:     L Bertin, member                     A. Done, member  
                 K. Gauri, member                     T. House, member  
                 N. Johnson, member                     D. Pietron, member  
                 M. Pritzlaff, alternate

Present:     M. Grusnick, staff  
                 K. Jearls, staff

Absent:       C. Buchanan, member                     S. Burt, alternate  
                 P. Manetta, alternate                     D. Kuschinsky, member  
                 J. Shah, alternate                     G. Yau, student

### **ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2003**

Pietron made a motion that the Minutes of October 1, 2003 be approved with changes noted. Supported by House. All voted in favor.

### **ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC**

Kyle DuBuc, Special Projects Coordinator, from MI Protection and Advocacy Service was at the meeting to discuss HAVA legislation, Help America Vote Act. He explained that cities will be reviewing polling equipment to ensure that the machines are accessible to people that have a disability. He needs volunteers to inspect polling places for accessibility. Applications were handed out to members, filled out and turned in to Bertin, who will mail them to MI Protection and Advocacy Service. Kyle supports the Scan Tron voting machine, which is capable of large type, audio, puff zip, and doesn't store or record the vote. There are no punch cards or levers on it. By 2004, HAVA legislation requires at least one accessible machine in every voting precinct. Kyle also suggested that seniors should be involved in this because many have a disability. Kyle shared examples of Polling Place Accessibility Surveys, copies of which will be made available for everyone at the next meeting.

### **ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS**

Council re-appointed members Burt, Manetta and House as regular members at their November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Also, Mark Pritzlaff was appointed as an alternate.

Carol Anderson submitted preliminary plans for 5 new City parks. These plans will be evaluated and discussed at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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Bertin and Burt were at the City Council Meeting on 10/6 and were presented with a proclamation declaring October to be National Disability Awareness Month. Also, December 3<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as International Disabled Persons Day.

A discussion was held regarding providing more handicap parking spaces at the library. Mark Stimac has been contacted regarding this and indicated there were no plans to increase the number of spaces. It was suggested that temp spaces be used when certain programs may require more spaces. Gauri suggested having a drive-up drop-off box for books also. A motion was made by Bertin to ask to be added to the Library Board agenda next meeting and supported by Gauri. All voted in favor.

Gauri mentioned that Frank Singer, City of Southfield Cable Committee, has about 12 disability awareness videos that can be shown on local TV. Gauri will contact him to attend the December meeting and show a sample. In the meantime Gauri will ask Frank to fax a list of videos to Grusnick.

Mark Pritzlaff, new alternate, was in attendance. Mark attends Cooley Law School in Lansing and is familiar with issues pertaining to seniors and to people with a disability.

### **ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS**

Members to attend City Council meetings for November are Johnson and Done on 11/17 and Gauri on 11/24.

### **ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS**

The Ms. Wheelchair Michigan 2004 Pageant is looking for participants. Candidates should be advocates of disability issues and possess poise, willingness to speak in public and able to represent disabilities of all types.

Paws With A Cause sent a letter stating they were happy with the Ability Expo and will join again.

Bertin composed a letter following our joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Board thanking them for supporting issues raised by our Committee. Also, an appreciation letter was sent to Project Lead for the outstanding support the students demonstrated at the Troy Daze Ability Expo. Both letters were approved by all.

### **ITEM G – INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **ITEM H - ADJOURN**

House made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Done seconded. All voted in favor.

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Leonard Bertin, Chair

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary